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NORTHEAST SEED CONTROL OFFICIALS MEET ATLANTIC SEEDSMEN

Members of the Association of Seed Control Officials of the Northeastern States (ASCONES) met on October 19, 1995, in Williamsburg, VA. The meeting was again held in conjunction with the annual meeting of The Atlantic Seedsmen's Association (ASA). ASCONES members in attendance were Richard Goerger (DE), Malcolm Sarna (MD), Joe Garvey and Bill Cook (PA), Dennis Brown (VA), Joyce Cochran (WV), and Jim Triplitt and Don Dreyer of the Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch (SRTB).

The ASCONES meeting was chaired by Vice-President Dennis Brown. Topics discussed included the correct usage of brand names, blends and/or mixtures and the correlating usage of nomenclature and variety name information with them, the possibility of privatization of seed certification and the problems that would be presented should this occur, seed kinds normally recognized as weed seeds but used as a crop in specific seeding situations, regulatory problems for the States caused by seed imported from outside the United States, and problems caused by a misleading national seed product advertising campaign when the company doing the advertising has no background in seed matters.

Among the activities at the ASCONES business meeting was the installation of new officers who had been elected through a mail ballot of the member states. Joe Garvey was elected president, George Porter (MA) was elected vice-president, Bill Cook was elected secretary-treasurer, and Dick Goerger was chosen as the elected ASCONES representative to the Association of American Seed Control Officials Executive Board.

The combined ASA and ASCONES groups heard a presentation about the Independent Professional Seedsmen's Association (IPSA) by IPSA's Executive Director Channing Sieban. IPSA is an organization of smaller, family-owned seed companies, that sell within a limited marketing area.

The ASA presented Virginia seed control official Dennis Brown with an award in recognition of his 35 years of dedicated service to the Virginia seed industry and to ASCONES. Dennis will be retiring in March 1996.

FISCAL YEAR SUMMARY OF SEED REGULATORY AND TESTING BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The SRTB operates on a fiscal year that runs from October 1 through September 30. For the 1995 fiscal year, the SRTB received 543 complaints of Federal Seed Act (FSA) violations. Those 543 complaints resulted in 665 cases. During the fiscal year we closed 464 cases with warning letters to seed shippers, closed 103 cases with no action taken against seed shippers, and closed 157 cases with \$54,600 paid in monetary settlements by seed shippers. In addition, 46 cases were held-in-abeyance pending the future performance of the companies involved. At the end of the fiscal year, we had closed 770 cases and we had 583 cases still pending.

During the same period, the SRTB's Testing Section received 1888 service samples, 222 check test samples, and 3002 samples involving FSA matters of which 2349 were trueness-to-variety samples.

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FEDERAL SEED ACT REGULATIONS ERROR

The recently mailed August 1995 FSA regulations contain an error in Table 3 on page 60. Please correct the heading for column (C) in Table 3 to read "Non-chaffy seeds" and the heading for column (D) to read "Chaffy seeds."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

In the Spring 1994 issue of this publication we had an article summarizing the history of the SRTB and explaining that we were soon to be 100 years old. On October 18, we celebrated our birthday. Previous and retired members of the SRTB were invited to a reception and an on-your-own luncheon. Among the people who returned were former Branch Chiefs Stan Rollin and Clyde Edwards, supervisors Bernie Leese and Vern Herink, and secretaries Christine Miles and Margo Holland. Agricultural Marketing Service Confidential Assistant Moe Vela, representing the Administrator, attended the centennial celebration at the SRTB. Approximately 50 people attended some part of the festivities.

The Honorable Lewis R. Riley, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture officially extended his congratulations to the SRTB with a Secretary's Citation. Lois Capshaw of the Maryland Turf and Seed Section presented the Citation to the SRTB.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS REQUESTED

If there is an error in your name, title, organization, or address on this or any other mail you receive from us, please send the correction and tell us on what correspondence the mistake was made. If you no longer wish to be on a mailing list, let us know that too.

Seed control officials: Please inform us when higher level personnel (i.e., Secretaries, Commissioners, Directors, etc.) changes are made, including address and title changes, so we can promptly update our records and mailing lists.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ITEMS OF INTEREST IN SEED CONTROL

We welcome ideas or articles you feel should be included in this publication. If you wish to submit an article, please send it to:

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Attention: Items of Interest in Seed Control
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RYEGRASS FLUORESCENCE LIST

The National Grass Variety Review Board has added perennial ryegrass varieties Accent, Excel, Mulligan, and Wizard to the ryegrass fluorescence list. This is the updated list:

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Greenland 1.20% Vantage 2.19%
Grimalda 2.00% Wizard 2.57%
Imagine ¹ 1.31% Yorktown III 1.42%
Koos 90-2 ¹ 3.85%
Legacy 0.37%

FEDERAL SEED ACT CASES SETTLED

Listed below are cases settled under the FSA from July 1 through September 30, 1995. All cases were settled administratively. Under the administrative settlement procedure, the SRTB and the firms agreed to settle the cases for the amount specified with the firms neither admitting nor denying the charges:

- E.F. Burlingham and Sons, Forest Grove, IL, has paid \$8700 for failure to show required information for a seed component in a mixture; false and incomplete labeling of noxious-weed seeds; false labeling of purity, variety name, and test date; and failure to keep required records. Seed regulatory officials in Alabama, Maryland, Missouri, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.
- Conlee Seed Company, Inc., Waco, TX, has paid \$1800 for false labeling of purity; failure to show required information for a seed component; failure to show required labeling of a "hybrid"; and false labeling as to being a variety. Seed regulatory officials in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Virginia cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.
- Michael Leonard, Inc., Grant Park, IL, has paid \$600 for false labeling as to a variety name; false labeling and failure to show required information for a seed component; and false labeling of germination. Seed regulatory officials in Connecticut and Maryland cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.
- Madsen Grain Company, Carlton, OR, has paid \$700 for false labeling of pure seed and inert matter percentages; mislabeling of noxious-weed seeds; and failure to test seed within the prescribed period prior to shipment; failure to label the presence of noxiousweed seeds; and shipping seed containing noxious-weed seed in excess of a State's limit. Seed regulatory officials in Illinois, North Carolina, and Oregon cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.
- Olsen-Fennell Seeds, Inc., Salem, OR, has paid \$2400 for false labeling of pure seed, weed seed, and noxious-weed seeds; and failure to label the presence of noxious-weed seeds. Seed regulatory officials in Illinois, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Virginia cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.
- Sacramento Valley Milling, Inc., Ordbend, CA, has paid \$600 for false pure seed, inert matter, and germination labeling. Seed regulatory officials in Michigan cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.
- Smith Seed Services, Halsey, OR, has paid \$6600 for false noxious-weed seed, pure seed, and germination labeling, and falsely representing seed to be a seed lot; failure to label the presence of noxious-weed seeds, label the presence of a seed component, and keep required records; shipping seed containing a noxious-weed seed in excess of a State's limits; and "flagging" the presence of a seed component in a mixture. Seed regulatory officials in Kentucky, Maryland, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia cooperated in the initial sampling and inspection.

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TITLE 5 (NO. OF GEN.)		Y (3)	
APPLICANT	Shamrock Seed Company, Inc. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station P.H. Petersen, Saatzucht Ameri-Can Pedigreed Seed Company Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, Mitsubishi	nterna Pine Y	Delta and Pine Land Company Northrup King Company Northrup King Company Terral-Norris Seed Company, Inc. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Drs. Fred C. and Nancy A. Elliott Drs. Fred C. and Nancy A. Elliott
KIND VARIETY	Lumina Texas Early White RADISH, FODDER Viking RAPE A112 RICE AMYLO 17	> \	S30-06 S42-32 Terra-Vig 6792 SUNFLOWER PHA043 PHA052 PHA053 PHA061 TRITICALE Buxom Norico
TITLE 5 (NO. OF GEN.)			Υ (2)
APPLICANT	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Northrup King Company W-L Research, Inc. Plant Breeders 1, Inc. Western Plant Breeders, Inc.	Harris Moran Seed Company Pure-Seed Testing,	Holden's Foundation Seeds, Inc. Sure-Grow Seed, Inc. Sure-Grow Seed, Inc. Lofts Seed, Inc. Mommersteeg International B.V. Pure-Seed Testing, Inc. Arkansas County Seed Company, Inc.
KIND VARIETY	ALFALFA 5246 5454 5888 Spredor 3 WL 525 HQ BARLEY Citation Merlin	DAC 00-47 Tempest BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY A82-208	COTTON COTTON Sure-Grow 125 Sure-Grow 404 COWPEA Texas Pinkeye Purple Hull FESCUE, CHEWINGS Jamestown II Molinda FESCUE, HARD Nordic OAT 871

^(*) No limit to the number of generations of certified seed beyond breeders seed.

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KIND	, April 1	VERBENA, ANNUAL	WHEAT, COMMON	2628		Fergus		GSR 2500	TAM 300		Vanna		Vista			WestBred 936	

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(Expired July 24, 1995, through October 24, 1995)

TITLE 5 (NO. OF GEN.)	K (*)	Y (3)	¥ (3) ¥ (3)	X (3)	Y (3)			
APPLICANT	Rutgers State University and Dr. Ring Around Products, Inc.	Northrup King Company Wisconsin Agricultural	Experiment Station Northrup King Company Douglass W. King Company Harpool Seeds Inc.,	McGregor Mill. Northrup King Company Agripro Seeds, Inc. Harpool Seeds Inc. and Others	Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center,			
KIND VARIETY	SUDANGRASS Excel \$235	Coker 48 WHEAT, COMMON	Coker 747 DK-33S Maverick	McNair 1003 Rocky Texred	Titan			
TITLE 5 (NO. OF GEN.)	Y (2)	Y (1)	Y (3)		Y (3)		X (*)	Y (*)
T APPLICANT	Agripro Seeds, Inc. Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station	Zwaan and de Wiljes	Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station	Delta and Pine Land Company Delta and Pine Land Company G&P Seed Company, Inc.	Seed Company, ington Seed, I	The Lubrizol Corporation Soybean Research Foundation, Inc.	Gold Kist, Inc. Soybean Research Foundation, Inc. FFR Cooperative Soybean Research Foundation, Inc.	Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station Soybean Research Foundation, Inc. Callahan Enterprises, Inc.
KIND	ALFALFA Anchor Victoria BEAN, GARDEN	BLUEGRASS, KENTUCKY Harmony		Deltapine 26 Deltapine 80 GP 3755	GP 3774 RYE Wintergrazer 70	SOIBEAN 3035 Big Boy	Brooks Dotson FFR 444 Gutwein 421	Hodgson 78 PL709947 Rockford SQUASH

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